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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: EUR NORTHERN TIER ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS
CONFERENCE

1. STATE AND COMMERCE PROPOSE TO HOLD EUR NORTHERN TIER
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 23-25.
CONFERENCE WOULD FOCUS ON NEW DIRECTIONS OF COMMERCIAL
PROGRAM WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS AND COMMERCIAL
POTENTIAL OF REGION.

2. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION, TRAVEL COSTS,
AND OTHER FACTORS WE HAVE SELECTED PARIS AS MOST DESIRABLE
CONFERENCE VENUE. WE WOULD ACCORDINGLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY
ADVICE WHETHER IT ABLE TO HOST CONFERENCE DURING THIS
PERIOD.

3. POST LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WOULD BE REQUESTED IN FOLLOWING
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PRINCIPAL AREAS:

(A) HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD ENTAIL PARTICIPATION OF APPROXIMATELY 55 PERSONS, ABOUT 35

FROM POSTS IN REGION, 10-15 FROM WASHINGTON AND BALANCE FROM PARIS' ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL STAFF. MODERATELY PRICED ROOMS DESIRED FOR 45-50 ATTENDEES FROM OUTSIDE PARIS.

EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS.

(B) TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT EMBASSY COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TWO VEHICLES FOR USE OF CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE WILL ASK EMBASSY TO ARRANGE WASHINGTON-FINANCED RENTAL.

(C) CONFERENCE ROOM. CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD BE NEEDED (EMBASSY, TRADE CENTER HOTEL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FACILITY) FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF DAY PERIOD OF CONFERENCE.

(D) SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. ASSISTANCE OF ONE SECRETARY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO TRANSCRIBE NOTES.

4. OTHER MAJOR PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING IS URANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND PREPARATION OF AGENDA WOULD BE WASHINGTON RESPONSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, COMMERCE WOULD SEND ONE OFFICER SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE TO ASSIST WITH FINAL POST PREPARATIONS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE RESPONSE. IF POST AGREES TO HOST CONFERENCE WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DESIGNATION OF CONTROL OFFICER.

6. CONFERENCE STILL SUBJECT FINAL NOTIFICATION AVAILABILITY STATE FY-75 FUNDS. WE ANTICIPATE FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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